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Attorney General Bailey Charges Contractor with Fraud in Taney County

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey announced today that his office filed charges against Brian Sides, 50, for allegedly defrauding consumers in connection with his business, MyPowerGrid, LLC. Sides faces one felony count for financial exploitation of an elderly person and one felony count for deceptive business practice for defrauding a consumer in Taney County.

"As Attorney General, I will always hold accountable those who target innocent Missourians," **said Attorney General Bailey.** "My office will continue to obtain justice for any citizen who has been ripped off."

The charges allege that in the spring of 2022, Sides falsely promised to purchase materials and install solar panels in exchange for upfront payment. Once paid, Sides failed to provide any material and refused to perform the promised installation work.

"Missourians who believe they may have been victims of fraud should file a complaint with my office by calling our Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-(800) 392-8222 or by submitting a complaint online at ago.mo.gov," **said Attorney General Bailey.** "We are here to help."

Attorney General Bailey reminds the public that the charges against Sides are allegations and, as in all criminal cases, the defendant is presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.

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